

## PE-Cap Photoelectric effect:

- (1) P.E. Current (For monochromatic light)  $\sim$  Intensity
- (2) Stopping Voltage  $V_0$  turned out to depend on  $\nu$ .

→ The energy of a P-E ejected electron depends on  $\nu$  of incident radiation

The dependence of current (# of electrons/unit time)

Suggests that liberating an electron costs one Quantum ( $=h\nu$ ) of energy.  $\Rightarrow$  Radiation is Quantized

$$K_{\max} = \frac{1}{2} m v_{\max}^2 = eV_0$$

Conservation of energy gives:

$$(1) V_0 = \frac{h\nu}{e} - \frac{\phi_0}{e} \leftarrow \text{Work Function} \Leftrightarrow \text{Energy required to free an electron from a metal}$$

How can this give us a threshold frequency,  $\nu_{TH}$ , (Below which no electrons can be emitted)

$$(V_0 = 0) \quad \nu_{TH} = \frac{\phi_0}{h}$$

A simple Example: Estimate  $\nu_{TH}$  for Lithium

$$\phi = 2.42 \text{ eV (Per Electron)} \quad eV = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

$$\nu_{TH} = \frac{(2.42 \text{ eV})(1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J/eV})}{(6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s})} = 5.84 \text{ Hz}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{c}{\nu_{TH}} = 514 \text{ nm (Visible Blue-Green)}$$

$$\text{To Get } \frac{\# \text{ Photons}}{\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s}} : \frac{\text{Power}}{\text{Required e/electron}} = \frac{1 \text{ W}}{(2.42 \text{ eV})(1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J/eV})}$$

$$w/ \text{ Li } \sim eV_0 = (2.42 \text{ eV})(1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J/eV}) = 3.87 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

$$m_e = 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m_e v_{\max}^2 = eV_0$$

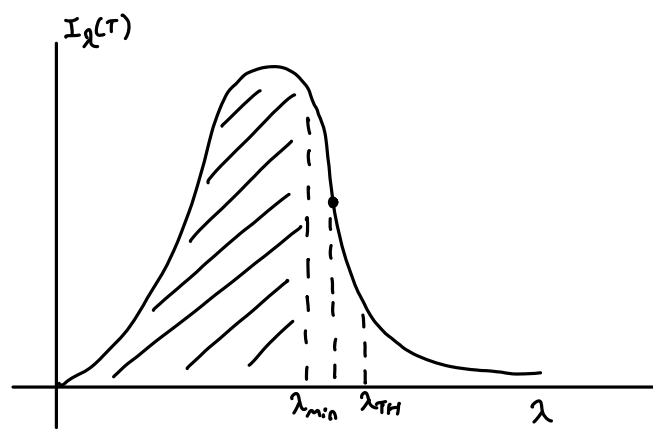
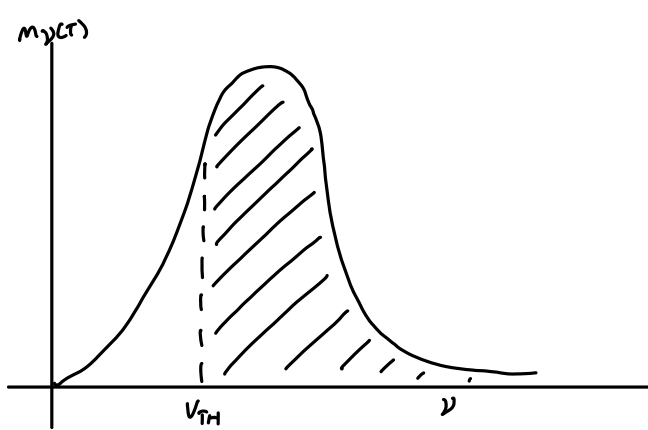
$$\begin{aligned} \hookrightarrow v_{\max} &= \sqrt{\frac{2eV_0}{m_e}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2(3.87 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J})}{9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}}} = 9.2 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s } (< c) \end{aligned}$$

So how big of  $V_0$  would result in nearly relativistic  $e^-$ ?

$$v_{\max} \approx 0.1c$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_0 &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_e}{e} v_{\max}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_e}{e} (3.0 \times 10^7 \text{ m/s})^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{(9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg})}{(1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J/eV})} (9.0 \times 10^{14} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2) \\ &= 2560 \text{ eV (X-Rays)} \end{aligned}$$

Let's consider Illuminating A. Photocathode w/ A Blackbody Radiator. What can we Figure out?



$$\frac{\#}{m^2 s} \sim \text{Total moor } I$$

$$\int_{\nu_{TH}}^{\infty} M_\nu(T) d\nu$$

$$- \int_0^{\lambda_{TH}} I_\lambda(T) d\lambda$$

$$\lambda_{TH} = 514 \text{ nm} \quad \nu_{TH} = 5.84 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$$

What Frequencies bound the Band-Pass Filter?

$$\Delta \lambda = \Delta \lambda$$

$$\lambda_{min} = 513 \text{ nm} \longrightarrow \nu_{max} = \frac{c}{\lambda_{min}} = 5.88 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$$

$$\lambda_{max} = 515 \text{ nm} \longrightarrow \nu_{min} = \frac{c}{\lambda_{max}} = 5.83 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$$

### Photon Concept, Momentum, & X-Ray Production

Blackbody Radiation  $\Rightarrow$  Demonstrates Energy Quantization

Photoelectric Effect  $\Rightarrow$  Demonstrates that those Energy

"Packets", or Quanta, appear to be real (... "Elements of Physical Reality")

- When radiation interacts w/matter, it behaves

like a particle

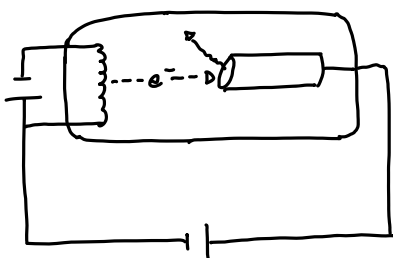
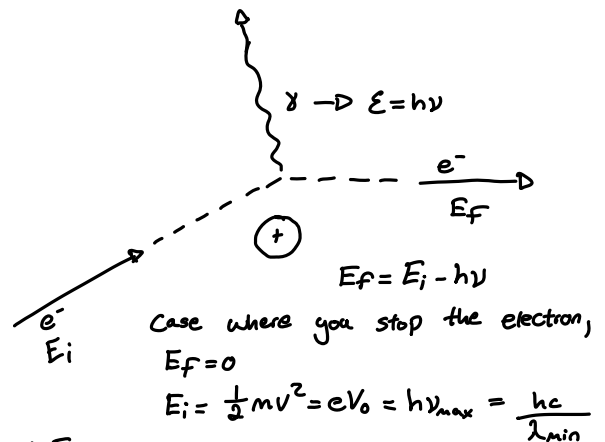
(When it interacts w/ other radiation, it behaves like a wave)

We might assume that there is an inverse process to the P.E. effect.

If a photon hits an atom & ejects an electron, the whole photon energy  $h\nu$  is absorbed

(Ejected  $e^- = h\nu$ )

In the inverse process, this isn't so, energy is not quantized. It can stop & give up all k.E., or scatter & give up some.



Even for most metals with  $\phi \sim$  a few eV, we can neglect this when estimating the min  $\lambda$  (max  $\nu$ ) in a Bremsstrahlung Process.

$$\lambda_{min} = \frac{hc}{eV_0} \left( \frac{P}{35 \text{ kV}} \right) \ll 1$$

$$= \frac{(6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s})(3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})}{(1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J/eV})(35.0 \times 10^3 \text{ eV})} = 3.55 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$$